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SUBJ: SIXTH SESSION OF THE JOINT AMERICAN-POLISH TRADE COMMISSION

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1. THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED WITH THE EXCELLENT QUALITY OF THE BRIEFING PAPERS WASHINGTON AGENCIES PREPARED FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE JOINT AMERICAN-POLISH TRADE COMMISSION. WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MORE FORTHCOMING POSITIONS ON DUMPING AND EXIM BANK FINANCING. VICE PREMIER OLSZEWSKI WILL BE HOPING TO RECEIVE A MORE PRECISE INDICATION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF CCC CREDITS WHICH MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO POLAND IN FY 77 THAN THE POSITION PAPER OFFERS. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE GIVEN TO OLSZEWSKI ABOUT THE SIZE OF CCC CREDIT AVAILABILITIES WOULD BE HELPFUL.

2. RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS (PRINCIPALLY STREBSKI) HAVE SHED SOME LIGHT ON POLISH APPROACHES TO OTHER AGENDA ITEMS.

(A) FOREIGN INVESTMENT: STREBSKI HAS DOWN-PLAYED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF POLAND'S NEW REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND SAID THAT

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THE GOP DOES NOT REGARD THIS AS A PRIORITY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

STREBSKI SAID THAT THE POLISH DELEGATION (PROBABLY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE) WILL EXPLAIN THE NEW POLISH REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT. HE SAID THAT THE REGULATIONS WERE AIMED PRIMARILY AT THE TOURIST AND SERVICE SECTORS. WHILE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MAJOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IS NOT SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED, NEITHER IS IT EXPRESSLY PROVIDED FOR, ACCORDING TO STREBSKI. HE REPEATED THE THEME WE HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER QUARTERS: " WE NEED A TEST-CASE PROJECT TO SHOW HOW THE REGULATIONS MIGHT WORK". EMBOFF SAID THAT, IF POLES WERE NOT ATTEMPTING TO STIMULATE LARGE INVESTMENT INFLOWS (AS THE GENERAL CHANGE IN ITS REGULATIONS MIGHT IMPLY), THIS POINT SHOULD BE CLEARLY COMMUNICATED IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFF ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE POLISH SIDE TO IDENTIFY WHICH TYPES OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT ARE PROVIDED FOR AND TO EXPLAIN THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENTS. STREBSKI INDICATED THAT THIS IS WHAT THE POLISH SIDE HAS IN MIND.

(B) BUSINESS FACILITATION: STREBSKI WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A CLEAR INDICATION AS TO THE INTENDED FATE OF THE 11 AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE COMPANIES OR POSSIBLE GOP ACTION ON THE GRIEVANCES OF FOREIGN COMPANIES AT INTRACO. STREBSKI HAS ASSURED US THAT THE MINISTRY IS AWARE OF OUR CONCERNS IN THESE AREAS, BUT WE HAVE SO FAR SEEN LITTLE EVIDENCE THAT THIS AWARENESS IS PRODUCING STEPS TO DEAL WITH THE SEEMINGLY INAPPROPRIATE TAXES AND CHARGES AT INTRACO. NOR HAVE WE BEEN ABLE TO GET AN EXPLANATION AS TO THE PURPOSE OF ANY INTENDED CHANGES IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE AGENT/REPRESENTATIVES.

(C) GATT: VICE MINISTER PRUCHNIEWICZ WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE A GENERAL PRESENTATION ON THE POLISH TARIFF DURING WORKING-GROUP DISCUSSION OF GATT ISSUES. THE POLES WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE NEW TARIFF AS IT RELATES TO MFN TREATMENT. THE GOP HAS NOT YET COMPLETED WORK ON THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONING OF THE TARIFF. THE POLES STILL HOPE TO HAVE AN IN-DEPTH "DRESS REHEARSAL" IN WASHINGTON BEFORE PRESENTING THE NEW TARIFF TO GATT, BUT THIS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE AT A LATER DATE. IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO INQUIRE ABOUT RECENT POLISH-FINNISH TRADE AGREEMENTS INITIALLED HERE (REF B).

(D) AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT: AFTER DISCUSSING THE SUBSTANCE OF STATE 220393 WITH THE POLES, THE CHANCES OF SIGNING THE AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT DURING THE COMMISSION MEETING SEEM SLIGHT. REPORT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

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(E) FACILITATION OF BUY-BACK ARRANGEMENTS: STREBSKI INDICATED THAT COMMERCE HAS REQUESTED THAT FACILITATION OF BUY-BACK ARRANGEMENTS BE INCLUDED FOR DISCUSSION. STREBSKI SAID THE POLISH SIDE WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT BUY-BACK PROVISIONS NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO ITEMS HANDLED BY THE IMPORTING FTO AND THAT A WIDE RANGE FOR BUY-BACK DEALS IS OPEN TO US FIRMS. EMBOFF SAID THAT SOME US COMPANIES HAD EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION AT THE LACK OF ASSISTANCE FROM FTOS AND MINISTRIES IN IDENTIFYING AND FACILITATING THE PURCHASE OF

SUITABLE POLISH GOODS.

(F) FISHING COOPERATION: THE POLES WILL APPARENTLY NOT ASK TO HAVE COMMERCIAL FISHING COOPERATION LISTED AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE POLISH SIDE WILL WANT TO TOUCH ON COMMERCIAL FISHING QUESTIONS DURING SOME OF THE WORKING-GROUP SESSIONS. THE EMBASSY AGREES THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS SURROUNDING REGISTRY OF JOINT-VENTURE VESSELS, AS DESCRIBED IN STATE 207968.

(G) CCC CREDITS: THE POLISH SIDE CONSIDERS ITS REQUESTS FOR CCC CREDITS AS THE MOST IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM. THE POLES ARE INTERESTED IN ADDING CITRUS FRUITS TO THEIR CREDIT REQUEST AND WILL WANT TO HOLD EXPLORATORY TALKS IN THAT REGARD. EMBOFF HAS ADVISED MFT OFFICIALS THAT THE POLISH SIDE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF POLAND'S TOTAL EXPECTED GRAIN CONSUMPTION (PRODUCTION PLUS IMPORTS) SO THAT THE REQUESTS CAN BE PROPERLY EVALUATED.

3. STREBSKI SAYS THAT HIS SIDE HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH THE AGENDA CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. STREBSKI AND JAKUB TOMASZEWICZ, ADVISER TO DEPUTY PREMIER OLSZEWSKI, PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 10 FOR PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE COMMISSION MEETING.

4. LIST OF THE FULL POLISH DELEGATION WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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